

Applicant Information  
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1. In accordance with its special national responsibilities, the Central Intelligence Agency is obliged to judge carefully the suitability of each person applying for a position in the Agency. To assist in this determination, a loyalty, background, and character investigation is conducted. This investigation includes, but is not limited to, inquiries concerning:

- a. professional competence
- b. any behavior, activities or associations which tend to show that the individual is of questionable character, discretion, integrity or trustworthiness
- c. any deliberate misrepresentations, falsifications, or omission of material facts
- d. any criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicants to excess, drug addiction, or sexual perversion
- e. physical fitness
- f. an adjudication of insanity, serious mental illnesses, neurological disorders, or emotional instability
- g. any facts which furnish reason to believe that the individual may be subjected to coercion, influence, or pressure which may cause him to act contrary to the best interests of the national security
- h. commission of any act of sabotage, espionage, treason, or sedition, or attempts thereat or preparation therefor, or conspiring with, or aiding or abetting, another to commit or attempt to commit any act of sabotage, espionage, treason, or sedition
- i. establishing or continuing a sympathetic association with a saboteur, spy, traitor, seditionist, anarchist, or revolutionist, or with an espionage or other secret agent or representative of a foreign nation, or any representative of a foreign nation whose interests may be inimical to the interests of the United States, or with any person who advocates the use of force or violence to overthrow the government of the United States or the alteration of the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means

- j. advocacy of use of force or violence to overthrow the government of the United States, or of the alteration of the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means
- k. membership in, or affiliation or sympathetic association with, any foreign or domestic organization, movement, group, or combination of persons which is totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or subversive, or which has adopted, or shows, a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means
- l. intentional, unauthorized disclosure to any person of security information, or of other information, disclosure of which is prohibited by law, or willful violation or disregard of security regulations
- m. performing or attempting to perform his duties, or otherwise acting, so as to serve the interests of another government in preference to the interests of the United States

2. In considering applicants for employment, Central Intelligence Agency standards oblige strict interpretation of the above and other factors involved in selecting employees. In the event an applicant is in doubt as to whether anything in his background may disqualify him, he is at liberty to consult a Security, Medical or Personnel Officer of the Agency and discuss the matter in strict confidence before proceeding with his application.